

P R E F A C E.

The present inventory, No. 10 of our series, covers a number of introductions almost equal to the entire number included in the previous nine inventories. It is put forth as the first part of the record of the permanent work of this office with these introductions, and shows what seeds and plants have been introduced. The completion of the record requires a report of the disposition made of these seeds and the results obtained from the experimental work done in this country. Such records will appear from time to time as our different introductions are tested and either discarded or found to be valuable additions to the plants cultivated by American farmers and gardeners.

The introductory statement by Mr. Fairchild covers the general information in regard to the sources from which these introductions have been obtained, and I wish in addition to emphasize the fact that the seeds and plants represented by this inventory have all been distributed, and that the inventory is in no sense intended as a check list to enable persons to call for seeds and plants with which they would like to experiment.

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